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DEPARTMENT PASS AMBASSADOR EILTS

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TAGS: MASS MOPS EG CD

SUBJECT: MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR CHAD

REFS: (A) NDJAMENA 370, (B) STATE 27625

1. REF A IS ONLY INDICATION WE HAVE HAD THAT SADAT MAY
RAISE QUESTION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO CHAD.

2. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE SADAT WILL SURELY RAISE WITH
PRESIDENT CARTER HIS PREOCCUPATION WITH SOVIET MACHINA-
TIONS IN AFRICA AND IN LIGHT RECENT APPARENT ESCALATION
OF REBEL ATTACKS IN CHAD, IT WOULD BE SURPRISING IF HE
DID NOT BRING UP CHAD IN THIS CONTEXT, EMPHASIZING
NEED TO SUPPORT IT MILITARILY BY WHATEVER MEANS POSSIBLE.
THIS PARTICULARLY TRUE IN LIGHT RECENT CHARGES THAT
REGULAR LIBYAN FORCES, USING SOVIET EQUIPMENT,
WERE INVOLVED IN ASSAULT ON FAYA-LARGEAU. SADAT ON MANY
OCCASIONS, MOST RECENTLY IN HIS JAN 21 ADDRESS TO PEOPLES
ASSEMBLY, HAS ASKED FOR U.S. MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO ENABLE
EGYPT CONFRONT SOVIET-SUPPLIED FORCES IN AFRICA. SADAT
MAY ALSO URGE DIRECT U.S. MILITARY SUPPLY TO CHAD AS WELL
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AS TRANSFERS OF U.S. ARMS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES.

3. WITH RESPECT SECOND QUESTION PARA 5 REF B, WE ARE
PERPLEXED BECAUSE NDJAMENA 413 MAKES NO MENTION OF
EGYPTIAN INTERVENTION. MATTHEWS

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